



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Chicago Public Schools, IL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Chicago Public Schools was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Marshall Faraday Campus Park is in East Garfield Park in Cook County, one of six urban Empowerment Zones designated by the federal government. The population of the target area is 20,881, of whom more than 35 percent live below the poverty level, a rate three times that of Cook County as a whole. The residents of this area are almost exclusively African-American. Ninety-nine percent of the 1,309 students enrolled at Marshall High School are African-American, and 100 percent of Faraday Elementary's 564 students are African-American. Cleanup of the site is expected to lead to



Cleanup Grant

**New
2004**

\$134,483 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Chicago Public Schools for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up petroleum contamination on the Marshall Faraday Campus Park project in the East Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago. The vacant site was a gas station prior to 1950, and was demolished between 1973 and 1980. The site will be redeveloped into a campus park that will be shared by Faraday Elementary School and Marshall High School.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

the development of a campus park that will provide a place where area students and residents can gather, and to address environmental justice issues.